

## Communication from Public

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Hello, I support the Livable Communities Initiative as a holistic and equitable solution to our housing, mobility and climate crises, and we call on the city council to pass motion 21-1230-S2 to help implement the LCI vision, outlined in program 131 in L.A.'s Housing Element. To be clear, primary Blvds. like Venice Blvd., Lincoln Blvd. and the incorrectly zoned Santa Monica airport along with Penmar golf course, Westwood, and many other neighborhoods can support dense housing surrounded by rapid shared transit, bike lanes, and green space. We have given absolutely too much space away to cars/asphalt and we must reimagine our communities for the health of humanity, other species, and the Earth itself. Gavin Newsom must sign SB679 to allow an LA County Social Housing authority to have land use authority over available public land in cities across LA, to allow one trust fund account to oversee & implement solid social housing policy across the county that supports mixed-income dense housing. Allow the private market to exist but it can't be the only thing that residents in LA rely on. There are 70,000+ homeless residents and that just isn't acceptable. Los Angeles is facing a dire housing crisis that is driving up rents and housing costs across the city, displacing people from once affordable communities, and leading to lengthy commutes. This adds to the city's unsustainable traffic congestion, our global climate emergency and a crisis of street safety that impacts all Angelenos, but disproportionately affects low-income communities of color. The LCI encourages creation of sustainable, walkable, car-light communities on job-rich commercial corridors, with safe micro-mobility options near transit. The goal is to create affordable, mixed-income 15 minute communities, with beautiful housing above retail, where most of a resident's weekly needs can be met without having to drive.

**REPEAL ARTICLE 34 in the CA state constitution; USE public land for PUBLIC GOOD, end systematic housing violence & displacement. Article 34 of the CA constitution reads; “No low rent housing project shall hereafter be developed, constructed, or acquired in any manner by any state public body until, a majority of the qualified electors of the city, town or county, as the case may be..”**

Localities that have been abusing their positions and segregating cities by race & class should not decide what happens to public land. Workers that commute into cities also have the right to decide what happens to public land, retirees, college students, and many others also have that right!

**“Heidi Marston resigns from LASHA**, citing difficulties in fulfilling LAHSA's mission without **“fundamental shifts”**. In her resignation letter, Marston elaborates:

“Power and funding alone control homelessness. But in our current system, organizations like the one I lead, the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA), are not given control over regulatory or policy decisions, service providers remain underfunded, and dedicated front-line employees of non-profit organizations and government entities are hamstrung by rules, red tape, and bureaucracy. Marston also points to low wages, high rents, restrictive zoning laws, and other “shadow monsters” we must tackle in order to end homelessness.”

<https://medium.com/@hmarston2/the-homelessness-crisis-a-monster-of-our-own-making-be5975399ce1>

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## Structural Governance of the Social Housing Authority

The State Housing Authority - **HCD** will oversee



**The Social Housing Authority; Community-led development of PS, affordable, & market-rate housing: Social Housing Agencies in each county in CA (ONE SOCIAL HOUSING AGENCY with selected progressive civil peers (community advocates) assigned to offices in each part of the county (likely NSEW & Mid-City, TBD);** a group of progressive housing civil peers that implements & develops new community-owned affordable, market-rate, and PS rental housing on publicly owned land throughout LA County. Communities are well put together, mostly in walkable, pedestrian/bike-friendly built communities. The agency as a collective whole will capture vacancy numbers (parking lots, buildings (privately & publicly owned), to determine ownership/best use for vacant spaces.

The Social Housing Authority will override city councils in localities to partner directly with County BOS, and HCD to **collect funding meant for homeless/housing**

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**spending, money goes into ONE TRUST account that must provide RECEIPTS** of where/how much money is spent on specific projects.

Agency works with HUD to implement new guidelines for affordable homeownership for the blue-collar working class. Agency maintains ONE website/database that has a list of AVAILABLE community-owned affordable, market-rate, and PS rental housing. List of AVAILABLE affordable & market-rate homeownership opportunities.

Affordable housing waitlist for rental housing should be no longer than 6 months, 6 months is actually too long but should not exceed that. The social housing agency is focused on public safety, public safety means safety from heavy traffic violence and climate arson. This means the social housing team works to build communities that are walkable, bike, and pedestrian-friendly. Communities that have access to green space. **Communities that aren't being heavily polluted by LAPD helicopter pilots (noise & fuel pollution linked to dementia, linked to cancer)**. Cars belong on the outside of multi-family communities, not within. Cars are occupying too much land space! Humans need land to live on, we shouldn't NEED to drive everywhere. Create when possible 15-20 minute cities/small communities.



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**Social Agency is primarily focused on the development of community-owned housing.** However, the agency will be divided into 3 primary teams; PSH, affordable & market-rate rentals, affordable & market-rate homeownership;

**Permanent Supportive Housing-** PSH for residents in need of wraparound services. Services could be needed short or long-term depending on the person. This team is focused on securing housing for residents with low-to-no income, chronically homeless, FOSTER youth (up to age 24), disabilities etc. This team doesn't provide the services it connects other agencies & non-profits to PS housing.

This team maintains a database of PSH units that are available and works to revamp/remodel the broken shelter housing system to turn them into PSH.

Again, ONE social service housing website for residents with varying needs.

Foster Youth: safe and clean group homes that provide guidance & structure to youth/young adults up to the age of 24.

REVAMP the broken Foster System; guidance comes from social workers that are based out of the revamped DPSS, non-profits, grassroots teams, etc.).

PSH shouldn't feel carceral (jail-prison like).

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Supportive services are wraparound services in QUALITY family planning, STI/STD prevention/protection, mental, behavioral, & rehabilitation healthcare, etc, etc.

Introduce UBI, money that should come from another trust account will not come from the housing trust fund. UBI for foster youth, and adult residents not working or below the poverty line. UBI up to \$1000 a month for completed work/ treatment assignments.

For displaced youth; completed schooling/work/etc. Standard UBI (no work /treatment assignments required) \$300-\$500.

Repeating; services are provided by A REVAMPED DPSS, by grassroots and non-profit teams, etc. Agency will provide a civil peer court system; will also be for any potential cases of alleged abuse happening from workers but all workers must have ongoing training, schooling, and teachings in proper behavior when interacting with residents in PSH communities, especially foster youth! Service teams should meet every few months to go over what is and what is not working, the social housing agency does not provide the service, they are simply making available the housing needed for the residents in need of PSH, possibly in need of long term care, healing, community.

The PSH Social Housing Team works with the DPSS to secure safe parking/dwelling zones within the county until PSH becomes available. All non-profit groups/service teams need to be an extension of this department (LASHA, DPSS, Grassroot teams, etc., etc.) Service teams should be able to contact PSH social agency team to find PSH, Safe parking/dwelling, and/or to receive money for temporary hotel/room stays (FEMA MONEY should be used as the ONE trust account is mostly for development/maintenance/admin of community-owned housing. ONE TRUST per county social agency/authority).

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**Community-Owned affordable & market-rate Housing;** residents are self-sufficient, can pass a criminal background check likely just need assistance securing an affordable or market-rate unit. Will work with residents with a **prior eviction.** Community-owned affordable & market-rate rental housing that is always affordable. Rent shouldn't take more than 20-30% of a resident's total income after taxes. Establish an affordable rental market-rate price for the blue-collar working class. The affordable price should not be averaged with working-class/high income earners included in the calculation. Most workers, most jobs in LA County pay about \$40,000. What is the average wage for the blue-collar worker???

Community-owned, market-rate units will likely be much cheaper than privately owned market-rate.

All local city affordable housing authorities would be moved into the social agency/demolished. **There are too many moving parts of the housing programs/processes. We need ONE coordinated system with FUNCTIONING non-profits, social service teams an extension of the one agency. Social workers, field workers, and rehousing specialists should be able to utilize the agency/website to secure at a minimum safe parking/safe dwelling. Should be able to give food vouchers/stamps, etc. to those that need them.**

Again, the housing team is likely divided by local cities in the county, likely by NSEW & mid-city, TBD. Each of those divided teams will be divided into the 3 groups of; PSH, affordable & market-rate rentals, affordable & market-rate homeownership)

**Public Safety-** A civil peer board of housing (court) will be established to hear cases about any potential threats to public safety happening in Socially owned housing. The court will also hear about allegations of any abuse happening within the system and

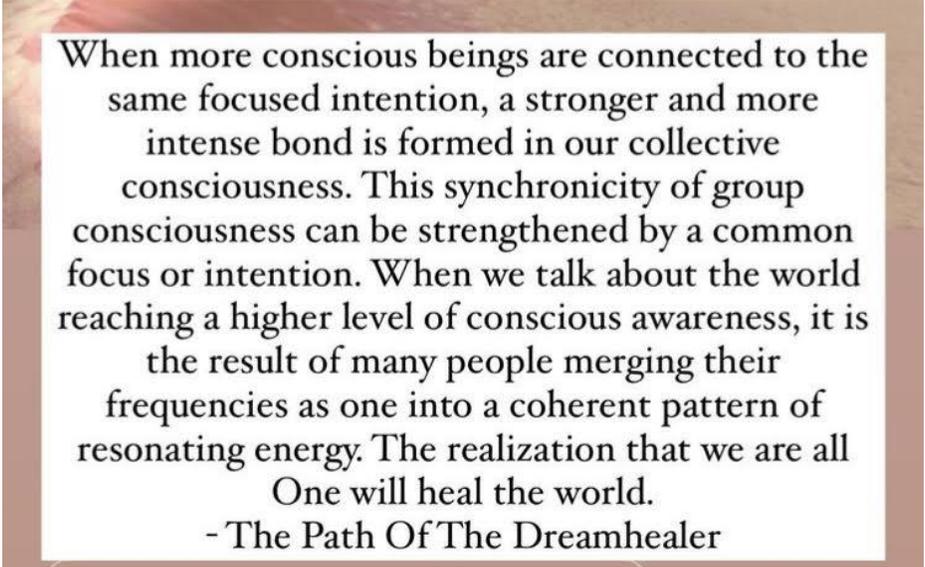
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correct the action. PSA on appropriate behavior will be provided to all residents/staff that are part of the social housing community.

The goal of the Social Housing agency is to prevent displacement but they will support “JUST-CAUSE” eviction for tenants posing a risk/threat to other tenants. No gang activity or violence WILL be tolerated, the community has a right to safety, if that safety is ever threatened, residents in the community have the right to evict!

Some PSH will be for residents in transition from jail/prison back into community living. Prevent ROOT CAUSE of problems that we are seeing in our community. Also, consider communities for disabled residents/ residents with special needs that may need long-term wraparound services. Consider partnership with community colleges for affordable housing for students/young adults up to age 24-25. Consider committed behavioral, mental, and rehabilitation health programs for residents with outstanding issues in above mentioned. Any committed programs should still be a place of healing, not further violence and trauma. Dismantle and rebuild existing programs in that area. Fix the problems at the ROOT, save the next generation and again, ongoing training, and schooling, for workers in this field. HIGHER pay for workers in these fields!



When more conscious beings are connected to the same focused intention, a stronger and more intense bond is formed in our collective consciousness. This synchronicity of group consciousness can be strengthened by a common focus or intention. When we talk about the world reaching a higher level of conscious awareness, it is the result of many people merging their frequencies as one into a coherent pattern of resonating energy. The realization that we are all One will heal the world.  
- The Path Of The Dreamhealer

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The private housing market can always exist if it likes but residents shouldn't be forced to rely on it. There are residents whose families have been dealing with generational housing violence as it relates to race & class, they cannot rely on a privately owned market that has no accountability! Rent has gone up by over 65% within the last 10 years in LA County with no rebuttal for the blue-collar working class, retirees, residents of generational housing violence and displacement, college students, foster youth, and many many others.



**Westside For Everyone** @West... · 12h ...

From 1990 - 2020, the Black population in Venice decreased by 45%. (From 1960-1990 it was stable).

Stop the trend.

Data courtesy @PacificUrbanism  
[#BlackHistoryMonth](#) 🍌 [#RedliningIn2022](#)

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**Cory Doctorow** @doctorow · 1d ...

He reminds us that the original meaning of "free market" was "a market free from rents," where unproductive creditors were not allowed to lay a private tax on productive manufacturers.

[locusmag.com/2021/03/cory-d...](https://locusmag.com/2021/03/cory-d...)

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Cory Doctorow: Free Markets



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We don't have to have a landlord/tenant model of housing. Let's start there.

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This is another example of how European colonization operates to limit our imagination of what is possible in terms of how we exist as a human civilization. The whole model of landlords & tenants is an export of the European feudal system. We don't have to keep it.



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Replying to @BreeNewsome

We're talking about a situation where white colonizers stole vast amounts of land they continue to occupy and charge us rental fees for. The origins & underlying structures of the system make it impossible for justice or fair access to exist.

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This social agency will have nothing to do with private housing developments but it can purchase private housing and it can assist with securing housing for residents in privately owned housing. The Social Agency will maintain a website of AVAILABLE community-owned affordable, market-rate, and PS rental housing units. Privately owned units can also be listed. <<< **WATCH CYBER FRAUD/SCAMS which is rampant on apartment rental websites.**

The social agency is being created to develop and implement new housing developments on vacant publicly owned land and remodels for publicly owned vacant buildings. **The agency cannot deny community-owned housing developments in any neighborhood in LA County, they are a county-wide team that implements new developments of community-owned PS, affordable, and market-rate housing in ALL CITIES in the county, this includes SANTA MONICA, BEVERLY HILLS, WEST HOLLYWOOD, MARINA DEL REY, PASADENA, DOWNEY, LONG BEACH, etc., etc., etc., ALL CITIES IN LA COUNTY! The intentional segregation as it relates to race & class MUST end, THE NIMBY violence MUST END!**

**For community-owned affordable & market-rate housing, long-term residents of LA County should get priority with housing placements,** focusing on getting workers closer to their jobs. It is imperative for the health of humans, the health of the Earth, and other species that we reduce drive times, and reduce pollution. Preventing displacement is IMPERATIVE. The team can prevent displacement by subsidizing rent for tenants in privately owned units and/or helping move them to community-owned affordable housing.

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**Affordable homeownership**- full proposal coming soon, introduce co-ops, CLT's, and resell requirements. The primary focus is blue-collar workers (affordable with resell requirements) and market-rate housing. Use money from market-rate sales to place into the ONE trust account. Insert grassroots team to help with restorative justice aspects of homeownership for residents impacted by systematic racial violence.



How do you think this story is going to end??????????

**Short-term rentals**- introduce tourism short-term stays, money goes into the ONE trust account.

**Trust Account**- One trust account that will be audited by city/state controllers. Money comes from HUD, Feds, State, Donations, & HHH. The annual state surplus budget must donate a portion into trust every year. The tourism industry should be donating a portion of total earnings into the trust. The cannabis industry should be donating a portion of money into the trust, should be redirecting money to communities impacted by the “pretend war on drugs” created by the U.S Gov’t. A small portion is for admin/resident manager fees (try to avoid outsourcing resident management to other companies, which could run up costs). The largest portion of the trust is for housing development/property maintenance.) **How much are CA taxpayers giving in federal dollars to other states using the money for social services (TBD).**

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Community-owned housing cannot be sold to corporations. If TOPA is introduced, keep under CLT (land lease) to allow tenants to purchase their units but prevent corporations from being able to purchase\*\*\*?? (verify). Also, any money given to nonprofits to build affordable housing should mean that that housing cannot be sold to a corporation. How and why are some non-profits that received Gov't/Taxpayer money able to sell affordable buildings after a set number of years to private corporations?

Housing would go back to the social agency OR TOPA if the non-profit wanted to be released from oversight/responsibility. The Social Agency can buy privately owned property and resell it to private owners/corporations but NOT publicly owned land/housing, not rent nor ownership. Again, community-owned developments are going to be built with the community in mind, with green space, stores, hospitals, etc., sometimes worked/developed within the communities.

## **Social Housing Plans ready for implementation;**

<https://htwws.org/santamonicaairport/>

### **(Author notes, not part of the proposal)**

-Examine the years that ADOS (American descendants of Survivors paid federal taxes but were not able to utilize public service. Examine displacement and communities that were intentionally burned t the ground by supremacists. Request reimbursement/hold percent of federal/state taxes to heal communities.

-Tenancy in common is a form of co-ownership of property in which each party owns an undivided interest that passes to his or her heirs at death. The interest is undivided

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because each tenant has rights in the whole property. Although ownership is in common, tenants may have equal or unequal shares.

-Joint tenancy is the joint ownership of property by two or more co-owners in which each co-owner owns an undivided portion of the property. On the death of one of the joint tenants, their interest is automatically passed to surviving tenants.

-Real property- immovable property, a building, land, plants etc, (though buildings can actually be moved depending on).

-Just cause eviction in CLT - Community members causing violence when corrective action cannot be taken, not working. Racial violence & other forms of discrimination. Peer court will recommend rehabilitation programs when permitted to do so, severe cases could result in immediate evictions.

-Land on Earth belongs to all of humanity.

-Land has not been fairly distributed to residents impacted by systematic housing violence as it relates to race & class.

**-The aim of the Surplus Land Act (the "Act"); is to increase the availability of real property in California for affordable housing development by requiring the prioritization of affordable housing when selling or leasing public lands no longer necessary for agency use.**

-"Feb. 5, 1866: Thaddeus Stevens Proposes Land Distribution Amendment"  
<https://www.zinnedproject.org/news/tdih/thaddeus-stevens-freedmens-bill/>

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-Foster City- examine the broken foster system, keeping families together whenever possible, family planning services, safe housing & family for youth that are not able to stay with their biological families.

## To do;

-Write the state bar and include them on your housing emails. REQUIRE that the state bar authorize civil peers to oversee legal issues related to housing (LLP's).

-BLM the org must redirect funding into one trust that is overseen by a group of Black civil peers. Push money back into Black communities as direct UBI payment, as housing payments, treatment payments, crime & gang prevention, etc., etc.

-Email OMBW/Watch for grants (GS)

-Civilian Eminent Domain of Public Land; communities protected from Climate arson; Free market exists for those that want to be part of it.

-Establish Public Bank

-A PORTION of public land MUST remain PUBLICLY owned for use by the community.

-Agency divided into NSEW & Mid-City?!?! Civil Peer teams in NSEW & Mid-City ??

-If the BOS goes ROUGE, the social agency will partner with the state housing authority directly and override county BOS should they become non-compliant.

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-[representcal.org](https://representcal.org), why a constitutional convention is necessary, and how the CA constitution allows localities to abuse their position, allows illegal segregation as it relates to race & class.

-Examine pre-built tiny home/ADU placements in well put together communities that are affordable & supportive. Sheds are not tiny homes. Some residents already own tiny homes or they want to, can support themselves but need land. Communities likely could be supported in the valley.



## Communication from Public

**Name:** Brian Keare

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Development and regulations over the past decades have over-relied on car optimization. We live in the one of the most potentially welcoming cities in the world for neighborhoods which de-prioritize fast moving cars and car parking. I don't understand why so many in this great city of ours are so spineless and succumb to the path of least resistance of just kicking the can down the road. We have an Olympics to host. We have world cities like Paris which through strong leadership have transformed themselves for the better against all odds. Other cities serve as models for the power of transformation like LCI represents. We have seen the results. Let's just copy them as fast followers! Please fast-track opportunities like this to help make our neighborhoods live-able and enjoyable for actual residents. As a benefit, this will also help our populations be healthier, happier, and more prosperous and attractive (yes even to tourists!)